

A REVIEW OF PROGRESS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of Progress by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate”. Testimony was heard from Reginald Brothers, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

MAXIMIZING MENTORING: HOW ARE THE SBA AND DOD MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAMS SERVING SMALL BUSINESSES?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Maximizing Mentoring: How are the SBA and DoD Mentor-Protégé Programs Serving Small Businesses?”. Testimony was heard from Kenyatta Wesley, Acting Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense; and A. John Shoraka, Associate Administrator of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration.

PREVENTION OF AND RESPONSE TO THE ARRIVAL OF A DIRTY BOMB AT A U.S. PORT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Prevention of and Response to the Arrival of a Dirty Bomb at a U.S. Port”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Peter J. Brown, Assistant Commandant for Response Policy, United States Coast Guard; Huban Gowadia, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; Todd Owen, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection; David C. Maurer, Director, Justice and Law Enforcement Issues, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; Gregory H. Canavan, Senior Fellow, Los Alamos National Laboratories; Charles A. (Gus) Potter, Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff, Sandia National Laboratories; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems and the steps being taken to successfully integrate this technology into our National Airspace System, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine realizing the potential of the Department of Energy national laboratories, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the state of rural banking, focusing on challenges and consequences, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2015, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Libya, Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, and Kenneth Damian Ward, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, all of the Department of State, and John Morton, of Massachusetts, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security, to hold hearings to examine retirement plan options for small businesses, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of our nation's bio-defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs mental health, focusing on ensuring access to care, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Big Data and Agriculture: Innovation and Implications”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Transition Assistance Program—A Unity of Effort”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled “Assessing DOD’s Assured Access to Micro-Electronics in Support of U.S. National Security Requirements”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Restoring the Trust for America’s Most Vulnerable”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3459, the “Protecting Local Business Opportunity Act”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Breaking Down Barriers to Broadband Infrastructure Deployment”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Update on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Issues”; markup on S. 611, the “Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Terror Inmates: Countering Violent Extremism in Prison and Beyond”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on a discussion draft of the “Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3764, the “Tribal Recognition Act of 2015”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1219, the “Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2015”; H.R. 1296, to amend the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to clarify certain settlement terms, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3062, the “Assuring Private Property Rights Over Vast Access to Land (APPROVAL) Act”, 2:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Radicalization: Social Media and the Rise of Terrorism”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “A Review of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.